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Holdstill Budget Coupled With Tax Relief Plan

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Predicting "virtually no growth in total" for Michigan's economy, Gov. William Milliken today unveiled a \$2.799 billion general fund budget coupled with a \$53 million tax cut for fiscal 1974-75.

The proposed budget, which Milliken called "tight, adequate, accurate and responsible," is a modest 4.2 per cent increase over current spending. Milliken estimated revenues will increase only 4.8 per cent in the fiscal year beginning July 1, compared to jumps of 14.7 per cent and 9.9 per cent in the past two years.

He said the energy shortage accounted for only a 2 per cent cutback in early revenue estimates. The remaining slow-downs, he said, will be the result of a general cooling in a heated economy.

"We are coming off two very good years," said Milliken's budget advisor, Dr. John Dempsey. "The year we are facing is not as good — but it's

not as bad as some people have said."

In a printed statement, Milliken — who is vacationing with his wife in the Caribbean — said:

"Clearly, our forecast for 1974-75 predicts virtually no growth at all... I wish to reemphasize my confidence that the economic activity which supports the current year budget has remained at an unanticipated high level."

Milliken estimated a surplus at the end of this fiscal year of \$179.6 million, but only a thin \$17.4 million surplus at the end of 1974-75.

Milliken's recommended tax cut of \$53 million in fiscal 1974-75 and another \$54 million in 1975-76 comes on top of a \$380 million five-year tax cut that is just now being reflected as state income tax forms are filled out.

The proposed general fund budget — from such sources as state income and other taxes and license fees — is \$112.9 million more than the current budget.

When federal funds pump into the state and when the state's revenues from items such as gasoline taxes are counted, Michigan's proposed budget balloons to \$5.4 billion, up a relatively slight \$52.3 million from current spending.

One reason for the modest increase in state general fund spending is a cutback in funding for construction projects. That cutback allowed an overall 9 per cent increase in actual operating expenditures which are used for services and to run the bureaucracy.

Capital outlay — or construction money — would drop from \$141 million this year to \$64.4 million in 1974-75. As in previous years, the greatest single appropriations would be \$804 million to the Department of Social Services — which gets a \$78 million boost — and \$712.4 million is set aside for state aid to lower education, a \$36.2 million hike.

However, should a new

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Receiving Stolen Property Alleged BENTON FIREMEN ACCUSED!

BY STEVE SAGER
Staff Writer

Two Benton township firemen were arrested Wednesday and a third one is being sought on charges of receiving and concealing stolen property in connection with several thefts at the Dunes Distributors, Route 3, US-33 North, Hagar township, on Nov. 8.

Arrested and lodged in the county jail were Lt. Richard Hugh Joseph, 48, of 337 Madeline avenue, and Fireman Michael Knuth, 26, of 1126 Louis drive, both of Benton township. A warrant for the arrest of Lt. Lawrence Harris, Nickerson court, Benton township, was authorized, but had not been served this morning. Detective Captain Ron Immoos of the Berrien

county sheriff's department said the arrests of the two firemen brought to five the number of persons apprehended in the case.

Immoos said the investigation stemmed from the thefts of three appliances from the Dunes Distributors. He stated the items were purchased on credit by two men who posed as contractors. The men would sell the items themselves for profit, Immoos continued.

Two others were also arrested in connection with the incident on Wednesday, and appeared in 5th District Court. Richard L. Cantrell, 31, of 1380 Rackliffe waived examination, and Clayton M. Benson, 40, of Edinburgh, both of Benton township, demanded

examination on charges of receiving and concealing stolen property valued over \$100.

Cantrell and Benson were freed on personal recognizance bonds.

Another man, Ted Shands, 21, of 1225 Euclid, Benton township, was arrested earlier in connection with the same investigation. Sheriff department records show Shands pleaded guilty to obtaining goods over \$100 under false pretenses and served 30 days in jail. He was in court Jan. 5.

The three appliances allegedly secured from Dunes Distributors were described as a compactator, washer and dryer, all of the Hotpoint brand. Their total value was reported at \$557.



WATER FLOWS INTO HOMES: Butterfly avenue in Dunsmuir, Calif., became a raging torrent Wednesday when the Sacramento River surged over its banks inundating a low lying residential

area. Hundreds of families were evacuated from the area Tuesday night. Floods and landslides wreaked havoc throughout large section of far west yesterday. (AP Wirephoto)

Oregon Phone Office Buried Nine Die In Landslide

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nine men are missing after a rock and earth slide smothered a telephone company building in Oregon, and two children drowned in Northern California.

The men were working in a Pacific Northwest Bell Co. structure near Canyonville in southwestern Oregon Wednesday night when the landslide roared off a mountain, pushed the structure into a creek and then buried it in mud.

Authorities moved heavy equipment to the scene to dig for possible survivors, then abandoned the rescue attempt temporarily until geologists could gauge the danger of further slides.

The Oregon landslide came in the wake of heavy rains and an early snow melt that sent

already swollen streams in many areas of the Pacific Northwest surging to new highs.

The storm left its soggy impact on western Montana, Idaho, northeastern Washington, Western Oregon and Northern California.

Dams broke and mudslides blocked highways. Hundreds of families were forced from their homes by floodwaters.

At Myers Flat, on a branch of the Eel River in Northern California, 14-year-old Jimmy Moore and his 12-year-old sister, Kathy, died Wednesday when a dam created by a logjam burst and surging water swept them from the backyard of their home.

Sheriff's Lt. Robert Williams said the youngsters were helping their father, Emery, move

property to higher ground when they were swept to their deaths.

Moore escaped. His wife was in the family home, which was torn loose by the swirling water. She escaped death when the house washed back to shore after being carried some 75 out into the raging stream.

Eight counties in Idaho were declared a disaster area.

The Idaho mining district of Coeur d'Alene was virtually isolated. Dams burst. Water blocked highways. At least 1,000 persons were evacuated from their homes.

Fifteen persons were reported trapped by high water on a bridge over the north fork of the Coeur d'Alene river in Idaho. A major bridge over the south fork of the Coeur d'Alene collapsed, isolating hundreds of

persons.

The world's largest silver mine, ironically named the Sunshine Mine, was shut down as power was cut and a nearby dam broke.

In Idaho's Bonner County, authorities said nearly every area road was washed out. Six county bridges collapsed and families in outlying areas were evacuated.

In Western Oregon, hit by the worst flooding in 10 years, there was some relief from high water Wednesday as the rain slackened and rivers receded. At least 250 families had fled their homes in storm warnings were in effect on the Oregon coast for wind gusts up to 70 miles per hour. Wind speeds of 70 m.p.h. hour were clocked Wednesday at Livingston,

Mont., and Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Amtrak, the national rail passenger service, announced it had canceled all service between Vancouver, B.C., and

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Winning Numbers

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — The winning numbers in today's weekly Bureau of State Lottery drawing were 077-143.

The second chance numbers were 342-616. The bonus number was 109-164-818.

Policemen Slain In 'Quiet' Neighborhood



TWO DEAD, TWO WOUNDED: Shown from left to right are Detroit policemen Sgt. Leonard Todd and P.U. Ewar Pakula who were killed and Sgts. Edward Golden and Gerald Kanacki who were wounded Wednesday in a hail of gunfire from a man who

barricaded himself in a Northeast Detroit house. Officers said the shooting stemmed from a family argument. A man was taken into custody. (AP Wirephoto)

DETROIT (AP) — Two young policemen were shot to death and two others wounded Wednesday after they arrived in a quiet, middle-income Detroit neighborhood to answer "the most difficult type of call," a simple family fight inflamed by a gun.

Killed were Leonard Todd, 32, an 11-year police veteran just promoted to sergeant, and Patrolman Edward Pakula, 27, an ex-Marine with four years on the force. Each was married and the father of one child.

A 15-year-old boy who lived in the Northeast Detroit section also was grazed by a bullet in the tail of gunfire coming from a modest, single-story home, police said. He was in satisfactory condition.

Sixteen minutes after officers received the first call from the man's wife, police reported, the rifleman threw his carbine out the window and surrendered, hands high in the air.

Police Commissioner Phillip Tannian said the man was not injured. He was detained without charges on the approval of Recorder's Court Judge Donald Leonard pending completion of an investigation, said the commissioner. Police did not release his name.

"I find it very difficult to justify the continued proliferation (of weapons) in view of the cost," Tannian told newsmen. "The cost is in human lives."

Tannian said the wife called police twice from the home, the second time while "someone was shooting up the house." Police arriving at the scene stepped into a barrage of gunfire, he added. Pakula was shot in the eye as he took cover between two houses halfway down the block, and Todd was felled with a blast in the

chest while crouching between houses immediately across from the aluminum siding-covered dwelling, Tannian said.

A neighbor, Mary DePote, said she watched one officer "look up. I guess he got a shot and all of a sudden fell backwards. The other officer laid him out. I think he died right then."

Seconds before the two were killed, said the commissioner, the gunman struck two other officers who crouched near a squad car. Officer Gerald Kanacki, 32, was shot in the arm and Sgt. Edward Golden, 28, in the head and left hand. Both were reported in serious condition.

Tannian said it was "extremely unfortunate that some very good police officers had to die. A domestic call, where there's a gun involved, is the most difficult type of call to answer."

"We can't roll up to every residence with 20 or 30 policemen and start throwing tear gas in the window."

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Editorial Page

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Oil Shortage Has A Built-in Imagery

Those old enough to remember the A, B and C gasoline coupons in World War II may also recall the government rationed petroleum products more to save tires than the fuel itself.

Shipping was not available to bring in crude rubber and the enemy occupied most of the productive rubber plantations until forced out after V-J Day.

Artificial rubber derived from the low end distillate in the refining process had pretty well displaced the natural product before the war started, but the military took so much of that production even a preacher or a doctor had trouble converting a priority coupon into a tire.

Possibly because the country is not under the patriotic euphoria of 30 years ago, nationwide confusion, cynicism and ignorance surrounds the question of petroleum availability in the U.S.

Bill Simon, the Federal Energy Office's director, issues daily, almost hourly, statements on the subject.

Ralph Nader is positive the world is swimming in oil, as he pontificated before a Congressional committee the other day. He says the shortage is a contrived bit of magic created by the oil producers to earn greater profits and that certain Washington personages are serving as stage hands for that purpose.

The cut rate distributors were saying much the same thing last summer though reasoning from a narrower plane from which Nader issues his pronouncements on all manner of topics. They charged the major

producers with using price controls as a device to give their own retail outlets a better edge.

Simon and Nader are both right but for reasons neither seems to think should be mentioned.

Instead both belabor, as some Congressmen are now doing, the absence of an oil policy.

The Arab and other countries blessed with easily tapped resources are exploiting openly what our own so called better minds fail to grasp or choose to surround in silence.

Since World War II's end, all industrialized nations have elevated oil and natural gas over coal as a primary energy reliance because of the same economics impelling the housewife to shop one supermarket and to shun another.

From wellhead to burner, oil and natural gas have been cheaper, easier to handle and simpler to manage as an environmental problem than has coal from the mine to the furnace.

Indeed were it not for the steel industry's need for coke and the highly efficient boilers maintained by many electrical utilities, U.S. coal mining could have, as a result of that transition, become something of an esoteric business.

These wallhead to burner economics have stalled the exploitation of the shale oil deposits in our western states, the tar sands in Canada's western provinces, and the secondary and tertiary wells in our country.

Bringing these ample resources on stream as an answer to the short sighted policy of the foreign producing countries is not an overnight nor a cheap solution. It also involves some environmental concessions to thwart this international blackmail.

But it can be done and it will have to be achieved if the U.S. is to maintain itself.

If he can push the Egyptians and the Israelis into a halfway workable cease fire arrangement, presumably Dr. Kissinger's next mission will be to negotiate a reduction in that blackmail.

This could ease the homeowner's worry about the thermostat setting and lift the morale of the tourist and resort industry, but we question the value of a short term solution to a very obvious long range problem.

Rather than trying to make another Watergate from the energy crunch as some Congressmen appear eager to do, the Washington fathers could better earn their generous pay and allowances by going to the heart of the situation now.

market for goods and the market for ideas is valid."

In our opinion this is nonsense of the purest ray serene. We concede that the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of expression protects bad as well as responsible journalism. It could not be otherwise, for any official attempt to determine what is good and what is bad — and therefore censorable — would have to rely on the intolerable practice of prior restraint. Once prior restraint comes in the door, free expression goes out the window.

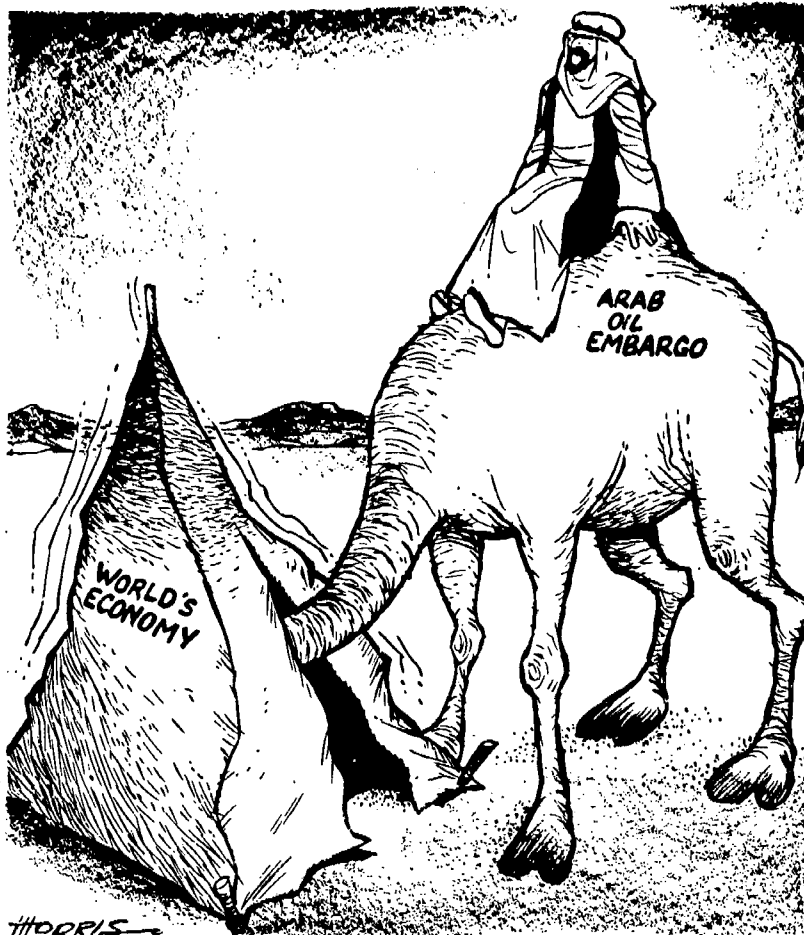
It is disturbing to find a man with academic credentials relying on the shopworn idea, so dear to the would-be censors, that "bad" reading matter should officially be kept from poisoning minds. This seems to be exactly what Coase means when he says that "buying harmful ideas is just as bad as buying harmful drugs."

Ideas, as history amply proves, are far more powerful than the most potent of drugs. But ideas may have power for either good or evil. Judgment as to this is the essential function, a function that must be left to individuals. Placing this function in the government's hands negates the whole concept of intellectual freedom on which human liberty ultimately rests.

Why Waste Money?

There's a booming business in extra gas tanks for cars. No word yet on how owners expect to keep them filled once gas rationing hits.

Could Upset The Whole Works!



MORRIS

GLANCING BACKWARDS

NATURAL GAS SHORTAGE REACHES INTO BERRIEN — 1 Year Ago —

A nationwide natural gas shortage has forced the Berrien county courthouse and major industries in the county into a scramble for fuel oil. The courthouse along with industrial plants such as Whirlpool have an "interruptible" contract with the Michigan Gas Utilities Co. They pay cheaper rates but have to switch to another heating fuel when the gas supply is low.

On Jan. 2, the courthouse and major industries were given two hours notice under the contract to get off the gas line for an indefinite period. But many are finding it hard to come by.

BRIDGMAN METHODISTS OPEN NEW BUILDING — 10 Years Ago —

Just 11 months after its organization the Faith Methodist church of Bridgman will hold services in its new building this Sunday. The group has been meeting in the Bridgman high school library. The new church is located on the Red Arrow highway, one mile north of Bridgman in the Woodland Hills subdivision.

Morning church services will be held at 11 o'clock and Sunday school will meet at 9:45. A ceremonial consecration service is being planned. A highlight of the day will be a "Festival of Hymns" given by the Men of Faith chorus.

CROSS ON TREE CARVED BY MOVIE COMPANY — 35 Years Ago —

Deeply carved into the bark of an ancient elm on the river bank south of St. Joseph is a cross. Origin of the cruciform scar has been the subject of much speculation. The mystery was solved today. WPA workers who found it while clearing brush for a city park near the Riverview cemetery were wrong in assuming that the cross was cut by early missionaries.

About 25 years ago a movie company came up the St. Joseph river valley to film scenes for an historical picture depicting discovery by LaSalle, the French explorer. While a cameraman turned the crank, actors in costume of that pioneer period carved the cross upon the tree. That's the story F.H. Lyon of Benton Harbor told today. He dated the scar from 1913 or '14. He couldn't remember positively.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

AMERICANS SEEM IMMUNE TO SHOCK

Editor,
On Oct. 22, 1973, Special Watergate Prosecutor Archibald Cox was fired, the Attorney General resigned and William Ruckelshaus was dismissed. After this infamous Saturday night massacre Americans were shocked that the President would put himself above the law. Since then, there have been countless other examples of blatant disregard of laws by Nixon. The Rosemary Woods tape erasure fiasco and the milk price scandal are two issues that further undermine Nixon's credibility.

The latest stories indicate there has been espionage in the highest levels of government with extensive involvement by the military in a wiretapping operation. This corruption threatens our entire government.

Finally, the astounding lack of public interest is a good indication of just how far the Nixon cancer has spread across the nation. Nixon's worst crime may well be the desensitization of the American people. What will it take to make Americans really shocked or outraged? Have we become immune to scandal and corruption?

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RESPONSE TO JOHNSON LETTER

Editor,
In a recent letter to the Forum, Mr. Glen W. L. Johnson calls for a "new form of government, an industrial democracy along with social ownership of the means of life and livelihood to end the specter of idleness of transportation, of cold homes and of hungry people in the midst of knowledge and of willing workers capable of setting things a-right."

Do you realize, Mr. Johnson, that the system you advocate is already in operation in Russia exactly as you describe it. The major thing that keeps this system going in Russia is the technology and material supplied to

it by the capitalistic west?

The same system was tried in England, when Labor controlled Parliament and the experiment degenerated into an economic disaster so much so that England has been working to restore the free enterprise, free market system. It may be too late as witness the present chaotic conditions in England today.

I wonder, Mr. Johnson, if you realize fully the implications of your statement "social ownership of the means of life and livelihood." Do you have any idea of the monumental effort put forth by men of the late colonial days of America, to bring about this free and independent republic. Do you understand what magnificent intellectual achievements the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are?

For the first time in history a government was devised which recognized the value and worth of the individual above all else and was designed to be subservient to the individual. It was the first form of government designed to set men free of men which is a basic function of civilization itself. For the first time the right of men to direct their lives and actions by the power of their own minds was recognized.

Observe the results. Because men were free to think, work, produce and trade as they saw fit and their country achieved a wealth and quality of life unmatched by the rest of the world.

To advocate "social ownership" as the means of life and livelihood is simply to control men's minds, to deprive him of the most basic right he has, to think for himself and to force him to accept the dictates of someone else.

How would you, Mr. Johnson, justify this concept to the men who fought so hard to establish this nation. How would you justify it to all those who died in all the wars fought to keep this country free.

And above all how would you justify this idea to all the young, in or out of our schools and

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Bruce Bissat

Nixon Now Has Capable Cabinet



WASHINGTON (NEA) — A large proportion of President Nixon's ample contingent of confirmed enemies of the liberal-intellectual sphere usually limit their praise of his regime to the character and works of one man — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

But now comes one seasoned participant in the Washington scene, a Democrat who must be anonymous here, to contend that the President has a good handful of strong, able men in his cabinet, men who compare favorably with the best of their counterparts in administrations as far back as Franklin Roosevelt's.

The individuals who sprang more quickly to this man's mind are Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger, Treasury Secretary George Shultz, and HEW Secretary Caspar Weinberger. The name of Elliot Richardson might also be on that roster, had he not been unhappily victimized in the celebrated "Saturday night massacre" which began with Mr. Nixon's firing of special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox in late October of 1973.

Though the names of these men as able performers do not, as indicated, have the kind of currency Kissinger's has, the word of their abilities is getting quietly spread about in this town.

But what puzzles my veteran Washington source, and some others who perceive the quality in the listed cabinet officers, is how the Richard Nixon who chose them could also pick as his most valued in-house aides the now-resigned H.R. (Bob) Haldeman and John Ehrlichman.

Speaking of the two key aides in comparison to the mentioned cabinet chiefs, my source added: "They're not fit to carry their lunch."

Yet, as everyone knows, it was Haldeman and Ehrlichman, alone of all Nixon people implicated in the Watergate affair, whom the President chose to label "two of the finest public servants I have ever known" when they resigned last spring.

His immense regard for Kissinger and their quite special relationship are widely and continuously evident. But he has not gone out of his way to publicly laud the others on this list. His respect for their talents must be assumed from his heavy reliance upon them. All have either been moved about in the cabinet or in other key government agencies.

In one instance, Nixon is believed to have overcome an active personal dislike and made ability the paramount consideration. Schlesinger is the man in question. He is a tough, idea-and-issue type who, in his earlier Budget Bureau days, indulged openly in the sort of direct confrontation Mr. Nixon abhors.

But Schlesinger's hard-nosed survey of the whole official U.S. intelligence community, done at the President's request, gained him crucial points and set him apparently irreversibly on a higher course. Along the way to his present job, where he is still being tested, he shook the daylight out of the Atomic Energy Commission and broke the mold at the previously sacrosanct CIA. There he fired 1,000 employees, as one man put it, "just to clear the aisles."

Jeffrey Hart

Tax Loopholes Beat Confiscation



A few years ago I sat in a pub near Oxford with the late Wilmoore Kendall, probably the most original and useful political theorist to have emerged since World War II. Travel abroad had turned his thoughts homeward.

"You know," he said with obvious relish, "America is one of the few countries in the world where it is still possible to get rich, smacking rich."

During the 1972 campaign, and now in the wake of President Nixon's tax disclosures, we have heard a good deal of talk about the overriding need for tax reform and for the closing of so-called tax loopholes. Beware. No doubt some of the permitted deductions — a neutral synonym for loopholes — are unfair or obsolete, but we should be extremely careful about measures for "reform."

Consider one road America did not take. We might, in the manner of many European countries, have decided to place virtually confiscatory taxes on all income above a certain

moderate figure. The tax money collected by the government would then be disbursed by the bureaucracy in the form of various benefits, social programs and so on.

In the United States, Congress adopted a different model. The tax rates are progressive, but Congress also wrote into the law tax incentives for various goals thought to be desirable.

The law exempts from taxation, for example, income from municipal bonds. Congress thus answered in the affirmative the question of whether it is desirable that surplus income be invested in the cities.

Or consider the donation of valuable papers and manuscripts to libraries and public archives. Until 1969, the donor would have the papers assessed, and then take a tax deduction for the gift. Richard Nixon did this, but so did Lyndon Johnson, Hubert Humphrey, Pat Brown and many others, including many novelists. Congress had deemed it desirable that this material be available to historian and others. Since 1969, a survey shows, people are much less frequently donating their papers to public institutions. Why should they? They can, instead, sell them to private collectors, or will them to heirs, knowing that the tax law will probably change again.

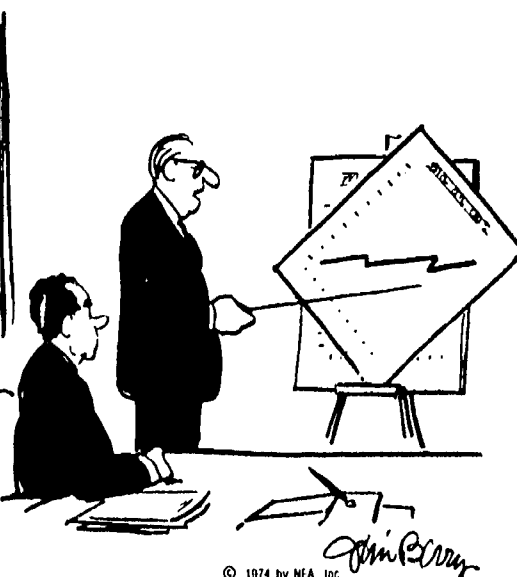
A novelist, by the way, has a tactic that beats the new law. He can't take a deduction for his own manuscripts; therefore he and a fellow writer exchange manuscripts. You can take a deduction for donating someone else's valuable papers.

Congress also decided to encourage borrowing and buying and to encourage building and buying homes. Interest and mortgages are deductible.

The oil depletion allowance, designed to encourage petroleum exploration, was long a target for reformers. We aren't hearing so much about that one anymore.

The European socialist says in effect: Thou shalt not be rich. The Congress in contrast has said: Thou may become rich, but we will make it worth your while to use your money in ways we deem good for the country.

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"... As you can see, the profit picture for oil companies isn't all THAT bright..."

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BH Board Sets Later School Hours

All Benton Harbor district elementary schools and seventh-eighth grade centers will start classes 30 minutes later beginning Monday, Jan. 21.

Starting times for both sessions at Benton Harbor high school will not be affected.

Announcement was made by Supt. Richard F. Helsner after consultation with the board of education. The time switch was made for elementary and seventh-eighth grades because of daylight

saving time darkness, and a poll of parents conducted by the district that showed an overwhelming majority in favor of a later starting time.

The new schedule will be effective for five weeks through Friday, Feb. 22. Helsner said "normal starting hours will be re-instituted Monday, Feb. 25, because it will then be daylight when students leave home for school."

The change means classes will be dismissed 30 minutes later.

Elementary schools now starting at 8:30 a.m. will begin classes Monday at 9 a.m. and dismiss at 3:05 p.m. Elementary schools presently starting at 8:55 a.m. will start Monday at 9:25 a.m. and dismiss at 3:20 p.m.

All seventh-eighth grade centers will begin classes at 8:45 a.m. and end the school day at 3:20 p.m., beginning Monday.

Lunch schedules will be one-half hour later during the five-week

time change.

The school district has just completed an informal poll of parents in which 57 per cent of all parents participated. Responses to date showed 2,448 parents favoring a change in starting times and 1,005 opposed.

Helsner noted that later dismissal times mean students will be walking home when factories change shifts and urged motorists to be especially careful.

Condemnation Suits Filed Against 2 SJ Businesses

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

The state highway department Tuesday in Berrien circuit court sued to condemn two widely-known businesses, St. Joe Fisheries and Lobster Lounge restaurant, to build new bridgework between downtown

Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. The department, through Special Assistant Atty. Gen. Henry Gleiss of St. Joseph, named the owner of both businesses, Mrs. Rose Ablin of 1406 Lake boulevard, St. Joseph, as defendant.

Tuesday's suit was the second

petition for condemnation to build two new four-lane bridges to replace two existing two-lane bridges.

It seeks to condemn a triangular lot of 28,301 square feet on which are St. Joe Fisheries, 219 North Wayne street, and Lobster Lounge restaurant, 221

North Wayne street, beside each other on Radio island, St. Joseph.

Mrs. Ablin promised both businesses will continue operating, with plans underway to relocate both nearby.

"It will be business as usual at the Lobster Lounge and at the St. Joe Fisheries," she said.

"No interruption of service or availability of products will occur. Both businesses will continue to be open and to be operating. Current plans and active negotiations are and have been underway to relocate both businesses in new nearby properties."

The highway department plans, at an estimated cost of \$5 million, to replace the existing turntable bridge over the St. Joseph river with a twin leaf bascule bridge—like Blossomland bridge—and replace the fixed truss bridge over Morrison channel with a high-level bridge. New bridge alignment would be 154 feet south of the existing alignment, and construction bids would be let late in 1974, according to Fred Russell, senior district engineer for the nine-county southwest Michigan area.

The first such bridge condemnation suit was filed Monday against Mrs. Lydia Kower-



CARROLL W. GERBEL
Campaign Chairman

Joseph township trustee, and is listed in the 1973-74 edition of "Who's Who in the Midwest."

Gerbel, his wife, Linda, and two children, live at 1414 North Manor drive, St. Joseph.

Gerbel To Head Fund Campaign

Carroll W. Gerbel will be 1974 general campaign chairman for Blossomland United Way.

Gerbel's appointment was announced by Dale O. Jeffers, president of BUW. Gerbel was vice chairman of the 1973 campaign that was headed by Dr. Donald Rabach.

Changes in campaign structure are being planned to accommodate expansion of the fund from the Twin Cities to Berrien Springs, Eau Claire, and Oronoko and Berrien townships, Gerbel said. He also noted an increasing number of business firms and employees in the Coloma area contribute to the

local United Way Fund.

Citing increased leadership by organized labor last year, Gerbel declared he hopes to expand this part of the campaign. The successful loaned executive program will be renewed. In 1973, the work of five executives loaned by Twin City business firms was a key factor in the drive. The 1974 campaign will be in the fall.

Gerbel is marketing development manager for Gast Manufacturing. He is a graduate of St. Joseph high school, holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business from University of Michigan, is a St.

California Will Sentence Ex-Berrien Mink Oil Man

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

A onetime Berrien county mink oil businessman is to be sentenced next Monday in Los Angeles, Calif., superior court for convictions on four counts of grand theft.

Feta Kadriu, 33, who founded Laminco Intercommunity Corp. here in 1969 to process mink oil into cosmetics, is to be sentenced on grand theft charges alleging he misrepresented mink oil products, according to Irwin W. Fisk, special investigator for the California Department of Corporations in Los Angeles.

California has indeterminate sentences with minimums of one year, no maximums, and the judge's choice whether sentences are concurrent or consecutive, Fisk said.

Kadriu, a native of Yugoslavia, was convicted in Los Angeles county superior court Dec. 9 on charges of grand theft (theft over \$200) by misrepresenting to customers in 1972 that his Laminco mink oil products were secret, patented and contained mink oil, Fisk said.

Trial capped almost a year of investigation by the Department of Corporations, Fisk said.

Kadriu remains jailed in California in lieu of \$500,000 bond and faces 36 more counts, 18 for alleged "buckeling" and 18 for alleged grand theft involving sales of commodity options in Kadriu's New Life, Inc., and New Life Management, Fisk said.

"Buckeling" is taking money for stock but failing to buy stock with it. The two New Life firms were involved in commodity options such as plywood, silver and coffee, Fisk said. Trial may be held in March, he said.

Kadriu's bond is high because authorities believe he channeled

cash out of the U.S., and because apparently death threats were made against Kadriu's attorney the district attorney and some key witnesses, Fisk said.

In November, 1969, Kadriu, living in this area at the time, announced the formation of Laminco Intercommunity Co. of Stevensville to extract oil from mink fat for cosmetic purposes.

The company operated in 1970, then Kadriu apparently went to California.

He was extradited from California to Berrien in May, 1971 on a charge of cashing a \$176 insufficient-fund check in 1970 in Benton township, but the case was thrown out of Berrien Fifth district court.

The Berrien prosecutor's office is still holding a felony warrant charging Kadriu with issuing an insufficient-fund check for \$99.32 at House of David in Benton in 1970, said Andrew Novikoff, chief investigator for Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor.

The check was in payment for printing in connection with Kadriu's Berrien county mink oil business, Novikoff said.

"We don't particularly care to go out there and go through a lengthy extradition proceeding to prosecute a \$99 check, even though this does constitute a felony," he added.

Kadriu's mink oil business in Berrien was investigated by the Berrien prosecutor's office but no charges were filed, Novikoff said.

In Berrien, Kadriu sold distributorships and franchises to "sell more franchises, who in turn, would sell more franchises," Novikoff said. Mink oil production actually was "negligible," he said.



"GIVE A HEART" AWARDS: George Ewer (far right) and Neil Benford (second from right) were recipients of Benton Harbor Lions club "Give a Heart" awards for months of October and November, respectively. Awards are presented for service to Benton Harbor and community. Ewer, a bus driver for Twin Cities Motor Transit, was a motorman when streetcars operated in Benton Harbor, and has been in transportation business for

35 years. Benford, assistant basketball coach at Lake Michigan Catholic high school, has served in various capacities as a coach for 20 years. Third recipient, Mrs. Marcel Johnson, who could not be present, was cited for giving five dogs to Lions club Leader Dog program for blind. Also pictured are Al Lange (far left), of Lions, and E.V. Arnold Bolin, executive director of Berrien County Council of Churches, who presented awards. (Staff photo)



DON C. STEWART
Retiring

duck of 113 Wayne street, St. Joseph, seeking her house and lot.

Judge William S. White has set a hearing on the Ablin property for March 11 and the Kowdruck property for March 18.

At these hearings, Atty. Gleiss said, the judge will tell the highway department when it can take possession of the land and will order the department to pay landowners the department's "estimated just compensation."

The department estimates just compensation at \$17,700 for the Kowdruck property and \$205,000 for the Ablin property, according to the suit.

If landowners eventually are awarded more than the highway department's estimated just compensation in trial, the difference between the early payment and the award would go to landowners, plus interest on the difference, Atty. Gleiss said.

Russell said essentially the new bridge and approaches would start at Klum Olds-Cadillac in Benton Harbor, taking some from the Klum lot, and go west, taking much of the Clark gas station lot, part of the St. Joseph river marina, all of Lobster Lounge and St. Joe Fisheries, all of Anchor Inn, all of Schultz Roofing warehouse, part of Gersonde Leasing Co., and houses at 121, 117, 113, 109, 103, 101 Wayne street and the building east of 101, and taking the southwest corner of the county parking lot south of the sheriff's department and a slice of the sheriff's headquarters lawn.

The two old bridges will be used during construction and removed later, he said.

Mrs. Ablin said plans are nearly complete for relocating St. Joe Fisheries while a site in St. Joseph is under negotiation for the Lobster Lounge.

The new location for the fisheries will allow modernization of the entire plant, she said. The lounge, too, would be modernized and at a shoreline setting.

She noted she and her late husband, Dave Ablin, have been in business at the present location for 45 years.

It was "most unfortunate that the state has decided to force the issue in order to acquire our property for their own price and at their convenience by taking this matter to court," she said.

MUSTANG GALLOPS

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. has announced Mustang II production will begin at its San Jose, Calif. assembly plant in March and indicated a second night shift also may be installed.

Don Stewart Retires At End Of January

Don C. Stewart will retire at the end of this month, ending 16½ years with the City of Benton Harbor.

Stewart was city manager 15½ years and has been director of economic development the past year.

"We're going to head up north and spend the summer with no immediate plans except to relax," said Stewart. He and his wife, Eleanor, own a home on Lake Michigan, west of Traverse City.

Stewart, 53, will receive a city pension of \$570 a month. His salary as director of economic development is \$18,000. He left the city manager's job and a salary of \$26,000 at his own choice.

A native of Hartford, Stewart came here in 1951 as secretary-manager of the Benton Harbor Chamber of Commerce. He later held the same position in the expanded Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce. In 1957, he was appointed city manager, succeeding H. H. (Pat) Crow.

Stewart's knowledge of governmental affairs has been recognized by various appointments from the Michigan Municipal League. He is a past president of the Michigan Chapter of the International Association of City Managers and has served on the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. He also is a past president of the West Michigan Tourist association and continues as a director.

In 1970, Stewart was named

St. Joe Fire Is Quelled

Fire, possibly started by a candle, did costly if not extensive damage to the home of Mrs. Stanley B. Cappell, 207 Sunnyside, St. Joseph this morning.

St. Joseph firemen said the large double window on the south side of the Frank Lloyd Wright designed home was broken by heat from burning drapes.

There was other damage in the living room to rugs, furniture and the wood framing and ceiling. There was also considerable smoke damage.

Mrs. Cappell told St. Joseph firemen she smelled smoke and entered the living room just in time to see the drapes burst into flame. She ran to a neighbor's house to summon firemen.

Mrs. Cappell told firemen she had company last evening and candles were part of the decorations. She said she snuffed them out before retiring but that one of them might have smoldered on and ignited later.

Firemen had to use air packs to reach the fire because of the dense smoke.

There were no injuries.

Firemen received the call at 6:25 a. m. and were at the scene an hour and a half.

Dentist Begins Practice In SJ

Gene F. Stout, DDS, has opened the practice of dentistry at 1626 Langley avenue, St. Joseph.

Dr. Stout comes to the Twin Cities from Kalamazoo where he practiced the past three years. He was with the U.S. Navy dental corps at Subic bay in the Philippines, 1967-69.

A native of Muncie, Ind., Dr. Stout was graduated in 1967 from Indiana University Dental

"Citizen of the Year" by the Benton Harbor Kiwanis club.

Before coming to Benton Harbor, Stewart headed the Tennessee Tourist and Development association for five years. He also has been manager of Chambers of Commerce in Traverse City and Manistee.

City Manager Charles A. Morrison said he did not know if a successor would be named for director of economic development.

Stewart's retirement starts officially March 4, but he goes on terminal vacation at the end of January.

Catholic Schools Alter Hours For Some Students

Lake Michigan Catholic schools have announced changes in starting and dismissal times for students who arrive at the elementary and high schools by their own transportation or Benton Harbor Area schools buses.

Schedules will not be changed, however, for students arriving on St. Joseph schools buses.

Classes will begin one-half hour later for those students affected, school officials announced, and the new schedule will begin Monday and run through Feb. 25.

The new schedule will take effect Jan. 22 for elementary students, since they have no school on Monday.

Students at the elementary school riding Benton Harbor buses or arriving by their own transportation will begin classes at 8:35 a.m. and be dismissed at 2:45 p.m.

Elementary students riding St. Joseph buses will start at 8:05 a.m. and be dismissed at 2:15 p.m.

High school students riding Benton Harbor buses or providing their own transportation will begin classes at 8:35, and be dismissed at 2:55. Those riding St. Joseph buses will start at 8:15 and be dismissed at 2:35.

Students attending LMC from the Coloma, Watervliet, and Lakeshore districts will also follow the new half-hour later schedule.

Shuttle buses between LMC elementary and high schools will run 30 minutes later than usual with additional runs needed to make necessary connections.

The changes were necessitated, school officials said, because of the change in starting and dismissal times at Benton Harbor elementary schools and 7th and 8th grade centers.

Welfare Fraud Must Pay Back

A St. Joseph township woman was sentenced to make restitution of \$224 to the Berrien county Department of Social Services for welfare fraud Wednesday in Berrien Fifth District court.

Sentenced was Donna Nugent, 23, of 356 Bluff court. She was charged with receiving \$224 in child care benefits while not working or attending school. The benefits were supposed to be used to pay for a babysitter while the mother was away from home, Jack Struvin, assistant prosecutor, said.

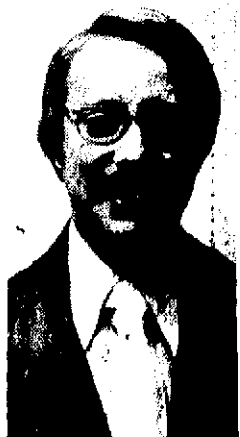
She was ordered to make restitution in weekly payments of \$15. The offense occurred from Nov. 15, 1971, to March 20, 1972.

Jan. 28 Registration Deadline At Coloma

COLOMA — The deadline for registering to vote in the special school election Feb. 25 is Monday, Jan. 28, at 5 p.m., according to Richard Eastman, Coloma school board secretary.

Persons who have not registered previously need register, he said. Those wanting to register should contact their respective city or township clerk.

The special election on school operating millage will be held at Coloma township hall. Amount of the millage to be requested has not been set by the board.



DR. GENE F. STOUT
Opens Practice In SJ

BRUNTHAVER QUITTING

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Carroll G. Brunthaver, assistant secretary of agriculture for international affairs and commodity programs, said Wednesday night he will resign at the end of this month.

Court Strikes Down 'Re-Entry' Rules, Growers Are Told

By NICK SMITH

Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Berrien county fruit growers learned yesterday that the controversial orchard re-entry regulations, issued in May by the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), were recently ruled "invalid" in a United States court of appeals.

The news was delivered by Fred Hasler, manager of the Michigan Apple committee, who attended the Berrien County

Horticultural society's annual meeting held at the Youth Memorial building, Berrien Springs. Hasler's group is one of many which helped finance legal action against the re-entry rules, he said.

Also at the meeting growers passed a resolution asking the State Legislature to return immediately to Central time, explaining that the change has interrupted farm operations.

Hasler made his announcement at the society's business meeting, held during

the morning session of the day-long meeting that was attended by about 65 growers.

At the meeting, David Kugel, of Berrien Springs, was elected president, replacing Albert Weckwerth, of Benton Harbor.

Other elected officers were Richard Skibbe of Eau Claire, vice president, Jerry Willmang of Watervliet, secretary, and Podney Winkel of Watervliet, treasurer.

The OSHA regulations discussed yesterday were basically a listing of time limits, during which nobody could enter an orchard that had been sprayed with certain pesticides that OSHA stated were harmful to humans.

When they were issued, growers complained that those pesticides, when used carefully, were not harmful. Some growers even alleged that the regulations made it impossible to grow fruit because of the long time periods during which they could not get into the orchards and work.

According to Robert E. Smith, legislative counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau, the pesticide re-entry regulations never took effect, due largely to protests from agricultural groups and subsequent court actions, which saw the rules stayed shortly after their introduction in mid-May, 1973.

Last week the Fifth U.S. Circuit court of Appeals, in New Orleans, La., ruled on a case brought by the Michigan State Horticultural Society, the American Farm Bureau, the international Apple institute, and other groups, requesting postponement of the regulations.

The contested rules were a modified version of the first regulations, which were retracted by OSHA in mid-June because of grower pressure, Smith explained.

Before ruling, the New Orleans Circuit court granted an injunction postponing the rules and ordered hearings to gather evidence of pesticide danger in recently-sprayed orchards. And hearings were held, in the West, Midwest, and South.

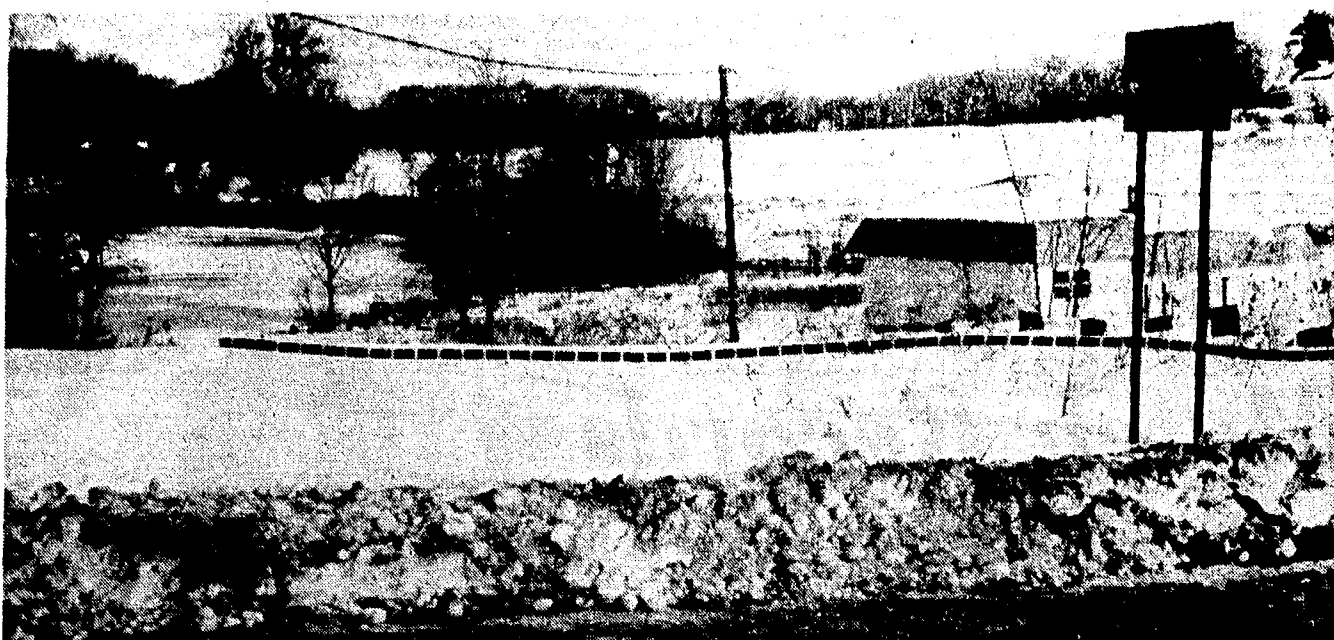
According to the court's ruling, these investigative groups found no justification for the emergency standards issue by OSHA. The judges stated:

"In sum, considering the record as a whole, the Secretary (of Labor) has not shown by substantial evidence that agricultural workers are exposed to a grave danger from exposure to organophosphorus pesticide residues on treated plants. The emergency temporary standard is determined to be invalid and vacated."

Adrian Oudbier, head of the Michigan Department of Health's pesticide study, located in St. Joseph, has been involved in research about possible harm to persons exposed to pesticides. He attended yesterday's meeting and called the ruling a good one.

"Our findings did not support their claim that there was an emergency situation," he said.

Hasler said that in his opinion the Environmental Protection Agency, which is reportedly considering similar re-entry rules, will probably listen carefully to the court's decision. "I don't see how the EPA would logically pass any similar regulations now," he said.



DISPUTED ROAD: Access road to Merriman lake marked by sign has been ruled by Van Buren Circuit Court Judge David Anderson Jr. to have been illegally built by Bangor township on private property. Mrs. Celia Van Stock, owner of the disputed land, asked

court in lawsuit to force township to remove road. Dotted line shows general course of road from county road along bottom of picture into lake. (Staff photo)

Bangor Township Access Route

Judge Rules Road 'Illegal'

By GARRETT DeGRAFF

Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren Circuit Court Judge David Anderson Jr. has ruled that Bangor township illegally built an access road across private property to Merriman lake in 1971.

The ruling stemmed from a lawsuit filed in January, 1972 by Mrs. Celia Van Stock, CR-687, Bangor. The suit contended that the township built a road 460 feet long and 66 feet wide from CR-687 across Mrs. Van Stock's property to the lake.

A court order specifying what reparations must be made to Mrs. Van Stock, will likely be issued within the next week or two, sources close to the suit indicated.

The suit, filed for Mrs. Van Stock by Paw Paw Attorney Sheldon Rupert, asked that the road be removed and the land returned as close as possible to its previous condition, and that damages of \$15,000 be awarded Mrs. Van Stock.

Requested also was that the township "remove all signs and other evidence that... (the) property is public."

The suit asserted the road was built without condemnation proceedings, award of an easement to the township, or payment of any compensation to Mrs. Van Stock.

In his five page opinion,

Judge Anderson rejected township arguments that the land in question was already a township road because of township dedication proceedings in 1935. Anderson terms the proceedings a "nullity," noting that a 1931 state statute ter-

minated the legal authority of townships to lay out roads.

He also rejected claims that the township had rights to the land because it had been used as a road by the public and had on occasion been subject to maintenance work by the county road commission.

Attorneys for the township were Horace W. Adams of Paw

Paw and Lee Boothby of Berrien Springs.

According to Supervisor Paul Overton, township officials have not had time to review the court's decision and to decide what, if any, further action will

be taken.

The supervisor said the road work in 1971 cost the township about \$2,500.

Atty. Adams said that one possible course of action for the township would be appeal of the circuit court decision to an appellate court.

Death Officially Ruled As Suicide

By TOM RENNER

South Haven Correspondent

SOUTH HAVEN — The Nov. 29 death of a South Haven woman has been officially ruled a suicide according to assistant Van Buren county prosecutor Richard Halpert.

The body of Mrs. Agnes Irene Schlaack, 43, was exhumed from a Muskegon area cemetery about one week after her death when new evidence uncovered by Halpert indicated that the woman might not have died from a self-inflicted bullet as first believed by investigating city police officers.

"Results of the post-mortem combined with crime laboratory results indicate the cause of death to be by a self-inflicted gun shot wound," Halpert said yesterday.

The body of Mrs. Schlaack was found on a couch in the living room of her home at 264 Park avenue by her husband. The victim was still holding a .38 caliber automatic pistol.

A note found later by police, and apparently written by Mrs. Schlaack, asked that an autopsy be performed.



CHOIR FUND RAISER: A Feb. 3 community smorgasbord will be another fund raising effort to send South Haven high school choir to Vienna, Austria in summer for international youth music festival. Donald Braschler, owner of MacKenzie's Bakery in South Haven, is pictured buying first ticket for event from Mrs. David Witte, ticket chairman. Smorgasbord will be held from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Fidelman's Mai Kai, Phoenix road.

Berrien Churches Join Prayer Week Activities

Berrien county churches will join churches worldwide in observing the annual week of prayer for Christian unity Jan. 18-25.

The Rev. Arnold R. Bolin, executive director of the Berrien county Council of Churches, said that congregations are being asked to use a special prayer during services.

The prayer was prepared by the Rev. John R. Lepke, ecumenical activities chairman

of the council, and includes mention of denominations, congregations, and councils near the group praying.

An ecumenical prayer service for Christian unity will be held Friday at 8 p.m. in St. Augustine cathedral, Kalamazoo, to launch the observance in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo.

The Rev. John R. Lepke, pastor of First Congregational United Church of Christ

Coloma, and the Rev. Arlan E. Schlundt, pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ, Niles, have been named special representatives of the Berrien County Council of Churches to the service.

The Most Rev. Paul V. Donovan, bishop of Kalamazoo, will preside at the service, and the Rt. Rev. Charles Bennison, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan, will deliver the sermon.



WEESAW CHIEF: Thomas Burke, Sawyer road, rural New Troy, has been elected chief of Weesaw township volunteer fire department. Elected first assistant chief was Jerry Daniel. (Esther Klupp photo)

By BRANDON BROWN

Staff Writer

BERRIEN CENTER — The Berrien General hospital board will meet here tonight to hear the architect's recommendations on some \$257,000 worth of apparent low bids to make code corrections, remodel the kitchen and increase electrical capacity at BGH.

A total of 11 contractors bid Tuesday to do work in general construction, mechanical and electrical areas, according to Herman Pratt, a principal in the Kalamazoo architect firm of Stapert, Pratt, Sprau, Tower & Associates.

Work envisioned by bids would meet some changes ordered by the state health department and fire marshal. The hospital still must update its sewage disposal system and is planning to change its obstetric department and surgery to meet state standards, according to Edward Mattix BGH chairman.

Meanwhile, the county-owned hospital continues to operate on a temporary state license.

Bidding Tuesday "fell reasonably within the anticipated cost budget," Pratt said.

His firm was analyzing bids to

present them with recommendations to the BGH board tonight.

General construction would make code corrections complying with regulations of the state health department and state fire marshal, including installing fire doors, upgrading utility rooms and nurse stations, Pratt said.

Mechanical work would upgrade ventilation and exhaust systems. Electrical work would upgrade the electrical system and extend the fire alarm system throughout the hospital, and enlarge the emergency generator system.

All three categories of work would be involved in remodeling the main kitchen area and replace certain outmoded and worn-out equipment, Pratt added.

Six contractors bid on general construction work, with the apparent low of \$74,800 by Johnson-Klein, Inc., of Portage. Al-

ternates of \$8,690 or \$4,810 would add a hot food tray system for patients.

Two contractors bid on mechanical work, with the apparent low of \$80,000 by Dent Plumbing and Heating of Kalamazoo. A \$4,000 alternate

would use a different style of winter-protection device for roof-mounted mechanical equipment.

Three electrical contractors bid, with the apparent low of \$102,200 by Beaudoin-Stueland Electric of St. Joseph.

Covert Twp. Zoning Law Hearing Feb. 5

COVERT — A public hearing on a proposed zoning ordinance for Covert township has been set for Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the township hall, announced Don Goldring, township planning commission chairman.

Goldring said a future land use plan, zoning district maps and the proposed ordinance are available for public inspection at the township hall each Saturday prior to the hearing, and at the Covert branch library from noon to 6 p.m. each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

The proposed code was developed over the past 18 months by the planning commission, assisted by John Ambrose of Vilcan-Leman Associates, Inc., Southfield.

Marriages And Divorces Increase In Van Buren

By GARRETT DeGRAFF

Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Both marriages and divorces were on the increase in Van Buren county during 1973, according to figures released by the office of county Clerk Charles E. MacDonald.

Marriages licenses issued during 1973 totaled 630, as compared to 584 in 1972, according to the figures. The licenses brought in fees totaling \$3,225 the past year, up from \$3,060 in 1972.

Thirty more divorces were recorded by the office in 1973 as in 1972. The totals were 331 in 1973, and 301 in 1972.

In other areas, MacDonald reported his office

in 1973 collected \$10,218 in fines and costs imposed on persons convicted of crimes in Van Buren circuit court. This compares with \$8,433 in 1972.

Miscellaneous fees collected, including those for making certified copies and notarization, totaled \$8,811 in 1973, as compared to \$7,552 in 1972, the clerk reported.

Legal fees for circuit court suits dropped from \$18,030 to \$7,807 from 1972 to 1973, the clerk said. Records show that about \$9,500 of the difference is monies ordered by the circuit court to be held by the clerk's office pending disposition of a suit.

East-Central Officials View Plan

By BRANDON BROWN

Staff Writer

East-central Berrien county officials seemed receptive Wednesday to a proposed county land use plan that would see Eau Claire and Berrien Springs grow while most of the rest remains rural.

The plan for the townships of Bainbridge, Pipestone, Berrien and Oronoko, and the villages of Berrien Springs and Eau Claire was presented by county planning commission staff members

to eight east-central officials in the courthouse, St. Joseph.

It was the third presentation of five countywide to gather local input for a proposed county land use plan. The next, for southwestern Berrien county, probably will be held in two to three weeks.

The county planning staff proposed east-central land use thus: Urbanization for Berrien Springs and Eau Claire, conservation-style use of lakes, prime agricultural land use

primarily in Bainbridge but also parts of the other three townships, and other agricultural uses in all four townships.

Growing urbanization in Berrien Springs-Eau Claire would leave Bainbridge and Pipestone townships relatively free of major development and worries over water, sewer, fire, police, roads and schools, said Thomas Sinn, county development director.

The staff map suggests less area for urbanization in Berrien

Springs than suggested in a recent map drawn by that area's planners.

Also, the entire east-central area is oversubscribed in commercial and industrial-zoned land, said an assistant, William Gebhard.

Marking too much land for these uses is bad because it decreases the value of such land and promotes scattered development, he added.

Pipestone township, for

example, is almost entirely zoned residential-commercial, with two industrial areas.

The county planning staff will put local ideas on paper, call a mass meeting of those involved in regional meetings sometime this spring, draft a proposed final land use map and present it to two county boards for okays.

If adopted, the county land use map would be suggested but not mandatory for local government use.